Questionaire circulated to different organisations by the Fourth Central Pay Commission

1447. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instead of settling the basic demands of the Central Government employees through bipartite discussion in pursuance of its own commitment, Government have appointed the Fourth Central Pay Commission which is yet to start its real work, to delay settlement of the issues; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the Questionnaire which has been circulated by the Fourth Central Pay Commission such question have been raised which might prejudice the interests of the Central Government employees in general and the railwaymen in particular?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) The Government have set up Fourth Central Pay Commission to enquire into the structure of pay, allowances and conditions of service of the Central Government employees. Of the 55 demands (JCM) before setting up the Pay Commission only the following 8 items were referred to the Pay Commission:

(1) Wage Parity

(2) Payment of Gratuity

(3) Revision of rates of HRA and CCA

(4) Pension and conditions of service before retirement

(5) Pay scales of Class IV employees

(6) Conveyance Allowance

(7) Enhancement of HRA admissible at Hill Stations

(8) Increase in the family pension scheme, 1964.

The Commission has already started its work. It has already been requested to give consideration to the issues referred to them for consideration.

(b) The Questionnaire was formulated by the Pay Commission on a preliminary consideration of the relevant issues and based on the suggestions contained in the various Memoranda received from Unions /Associations and others. It also contains certain questions which are of an exploratory nature for purposes of clarity. The Questions are in no way indicative of the thinking of the Commission of any matter. The Commission will finalise its views on various matters only after going into all the relevant factors carefully. Therefore, the questions included in the Questionnaire cannot be taken to be prejudicial to the interest of the Central Government employees in general or of any category of employees.

Trade accord between India and China

1448. SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reached any trade accord with the Government of Peoples' Republic of China;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if no accord has been reached so far, whether any discussions are being held in this regard; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) There is no formal trade agreement between the Governments of India and the Peoples' Republic of China.

(c) and (d) Trade talks between the two countries for promotion of bilateral trade and economic cooperation are continuing. The last session was held in Delhi in October, 1983. The next round of official trade talks is scheduled to be held in Beijing in August, 1984.